**Romeo and Juliet Persuasive essay**

Write a five paragraph essay explaining whether or not Friar Lawrence deserves punishment for the deaths of Romeo and Juliet. You will defend your opinion with support from the text.

**The essay will include:**

* a strong, clear, insightful claim
* a funnel introduction
* 3 body paragraphs carefully constructed
* Insightful conclusion

**The details of the essay will include:**

* 2 quotations from the play (minimum) to support your ideas
* 2 quotations from the research to confirm your ideas
* The quotes will use proper lead-ins and parenthetical citations
* counterargument
* Works cited
* Use 3rd person
* MLA format
* Literary present tense
* Advanced word choice and varied sentence structure
* Transitions

**Format (modeled in class):**

* Introduction: 5-7 sentences.
* Write a funnel introduction: state the title, author, and genre in the first sentence. Then include essential background information that leads to your claim/thesis. Your thesis should be the last sentence of your introduction.
* Body Paragraph 1: 7-10 sentences.
* Write a topic sentence that supports your thesis (not plot based)
* use one reason to support your answer and use evidence from the play
* Use evidence from the play to support your discussion
* Body Paragraph 2: 7-10 sentences.
* Write a topic sentence that supports your thesis (not plot based)
* use a second reason to support your answer
* use evidence from the play to support your discussion
* Body paragraph 3: 7-10 sentences.
* write a rebuttal to consider the opposing argument
* Conclusion
* Works Cited

**Important Dates**

3/5 Bring Printed Rough Draft

3/11 Bring Printed & Completed Rough Draft

3/13 Bring Revised Rough Draft DUE

3/16 Final Draft & works cited DUE upon arrival to class (Print before class)